

## REMARKS

Claims 1-61 were pending in the present application. Claim 57 has been amended. Claims 1-54 and 58-61 have been cancelled. Thus, upon entry of the listing of claims submitted herewith, claims 55-57 will be pending.

### **Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 1-54 and 58-61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 6,573,983 to Laskowski and U.S. Pat. No. 6,109,522 to Force et al. in view of U.S. Pat. No. 4,434,359 to Watanabe. Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claims 1-54 and 58-61 have been rendered moot by their cancellation. Thus, withdrawal of the rejection is in order and is respectfully requested.

### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Claims 55 and 56 are allowed. Claim 57 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 57 has been amended to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is in order and is respectfully requested. are now allowable. Thus, claim 57 is also allowable.

### **Conclusion**

It is the Applicant's belief that all the pending claims are now in condition for allowance, and thus reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the number indicated.

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